

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits . . .

### Candy Check

Again this year, the Romulus Police Department is teaming up with McDonald's to offer a Halloween Candy Check. Parents can bring their children's treats to the McDonald's restaurant on Wayne Road in Romulus between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. For more safety tips, please see page 4.

### Crafters Wanted

The Romulus Alumni Association is sponsoring a Fall Craft Show/Sale to be held at Romulus High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 23. Admission for the event is free.

Table space is still available for crafters who would like to participate. For more information, call Marge Bergman at 941-0610.

### Festival Committee Needs You!

Plans are already in the works to bring the first annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival to our downtown area in September 1997. Although its schedule is far from finalized, the Festival is sure to include lots of music, entertainment, crafts, food, contests, and – of course – pumpkins. Civic and community organizations will also be welcome to take advantage of this opportunity to host fund-raisers and other special programs.

It is the overall goal of the Pumpkin Festival Committee to create an event that the citizens of Romulus and other local communities can look forward to for many years to come. But to make this goal a reality, the Committee needs the ideas and support of many people. Anyone interested in making Romulus a more fulfilling place to live is encouraged to volunteer their time, energy, and talents for this worthwhile project.

Meetings of the Pumpkin Festival Committee are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. (Next meeting date: November 21.) For more information, call Susan Watts at 941-0476.

## Voters Face Full Ballot on November 5

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKING BALLOT

#### OFFICE

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

##### CANDIDATE ONE

##### CANDIDATE TWO

#### WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

#### OFFICE

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

##### CANDIDATE ONE

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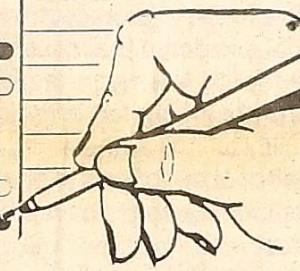
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##### CANDIDATE ONE

#### write-in Candidate

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CHOICE



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Because an unusual number of candidate races and proposals are crowding the ballot for the November 5 general election, many voters have complained that they are unfamiliar with at least some of the choices they will face.

So, to give everyone a chance to do a little "homework" before going to the polls, here is a list of *all* the candidates who are running for office.

#### President/Vice President

(vote for not more than one)

- Bob Dole/Jack Kemp (Republican)
- Bill Clinton/Al Gore (Democratic)
- Harry Browne/Jo Jorgensen (Libertarian)
- Monica Gail Moorehead/Gloria LaRiva (Workers World)
- Jerome White/Fred Mazelis (Socialist Equality)
- Ross Perot/Pat Choate (Reform)
- John Hagelin/Vinton D. Tompkins (Natural Law)

#### United States Senator

(vote for not more than one)

- Ronna Romney (Republican)
- Carl Levin (Democratic)

#### Kenneth L. Proctor (Libertarian)

#### William Roundtree (Workers World)

#### Martin P. McLaughlin (Socialist Equality)

#### Joseph S. Mattingly (Natural Law)

#### Representative In Congress, 13th District

(vote for not more than one)

- Joe Fitzsimmons (Republican)
- Lynn Nancy Rivers (Democratic)
- James F. Montgomery (Libertarian)
- Jane Cutter (Workers World)
- Jim Hartnett (Socialist Equality)

#### Representative In State Legislature, 22nd District

(vote for not more than one)

- Matthew Ruffner (Republican)
- Gregory E. Pitoniak (Democratic)
- Susan L. Cislo (No Party Affiliation)

#### State Board of Education

(vote for not more than two)

- Louis Legg (Republican)
- Marilyn F. Lundy (Republican)
- Marianne Yared McGuire (Democratic)
- Herbert S. Moyer (Democratic)

- Diane Barnes (Libertarian)
- Barbara Goushaw (Libertarian)
- Gail Quarton (Natural Law)
- Alixandra Pablita Summit (Natural Law)

#### Regents, University of Michigan

(vote for not more than two)

- Deane Baker (Republican)
- Michael D. Bishop (Republican)
- Olivia P. Maynard (Democratic)
- S. Martin Taylor (Democratic)
- William W. Hall (Libertarian)
- Calvin J. Matle (Libertarian)
- William B. Quarton (Natural Law)

#### Trustees, Michigan State University

(vote for not more than two)

- Colleen Pero (Republican)
- Dave Porteous (Republican)
- Joel I. Ferguson (Democratic)
- Robert E. Weiss (Democratic)
- Brian A. Kluesner (Libertarian)
- Michael H. Miller (Libertarian)
- Ernesto Todd Mireles (Workers World)
- Becky L. Minnick (Natural Law)

#### Governors, Wayne State University

(vote for not more than two)

- Vernice Davis Anthony (Republican)
- Paul Fecko (Republican)
- Murray E. Jackson (Democratic)
- Annetta Miller (Democratic)
- Thomas W. Jones (Libertarian)
- Stacy Van Oast (Libertarian)
- Durk L. Barton (Workers World)
- Key Halverson (Formerly Keren Ann Halverson – Natural Law)
- Jane Walker Meade (Natural Law)

#### County – Prosecuting Attorney

(vote for not more than one)

- Donald L. Knapp (Republican)
- John D. O'Hair (Democratic)

#### County – Sheriff

(vote for not more than one)

- Timothy John Olszewski (Republican)
- Robert A. Ficano (Democratic)

#### County – Clerk

(vote for not more than one)

- Sandra K. Wallace (Republican)
- Teola P. Hunter (Democratic)

#### County – Treasurer

(vote for not more than one)

- John Kelly Wazney (Republican)
- Raymond J. Wojtowicz (Democratic)

#### County – Register of Deeds

(vote for not more than one)

- Tony Spearman-Leach/formerly Anthony Maurice Leach (Rep.)

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# Letters to the Editor

**Editor's note:** All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

## EDS Provides Project Status Summary

Dear Editor and residents of Romulus,

To keep the residents up to date on our deepwell projects, we are providing a status summary here for all of your readers:

- Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), is preparing and will soon submit an Act 451, Part III application to the State of Michigan for its proposed deepwell project on Citrin Drive (near Wick and Inkster) in Romulus.
- EDS has still not received the information regarding water wells that Councilwoman Debbie Romak and Mr. R.P. Lilly continually claim are in existence near our well projects. We ask again of Ms. Romak and Mr. Lilly that they let us know where these wells are so we can obtain the necessary information to send to the appropriate agencies.
- EDS will be conducting a pre-application public information meeting on October 29, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel in Romulus, Michigan, to discuss both of its proposed projects in Romulus.
- A meeting has been scheduled for November 7, 1996, to discuss public-safety and emergency-response issues related to our projects with County and private health-care specialists, and to receive comments from these experts on how we can improve our emergency planning.

Copies of our Act 451, Part III applications for the Citrin and Northline Road sites will be placed in the Romulus Public Library for review by any member of the public as soon as they are submitted to the State. Anyone wishing to review any information pertaining to our projects can do so at our Romulus office by calling 313-955-2100.

On September 12, 1996, EDS made its application to go before the City of Romulus Environmental Protection Board. We are currently responding to additional requirements established by the City after we submitted our applica-

tion materials. EDS will respond to these additional requirements within about a few weeks.

In closing, let me offer our gratitude to those residents living near our Citrin Drive project who contacted us to work out an agreement regarding how we planned to operate if our project went ahead near where they live.

Sincerely,  
Austin Marshall, Vice President  
EDS

## EDS Invites Public To Peruse Plans

Dear Editor and residents of Romulus, Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), recently submitted a detailed set of project drawings to the Environmental Protection Board of the City of Romulus. These plans incorporated design features providing double and triple levels of protection to prevent potential accidents that could occur at such a facility. We encourage those of you who are interested in the safety of this facility to look at these drawings at City Hall or at our offices to provide any suggestions you might have to improve our plans.

Respectfully yours,  
Charles Cosgro, Safety Director  
EDS

## RECAP Spokesman Says Stop 'Smoke and Mirrors'

**Editor's note:** In the interests of fairness, we at "the little paper" have always made it a policy to print letters and "guest commentary" pieces that are in opposition to our own editorial opinions. Certainly, we don't expect everyone to agree with us, and we welcome different viewpoints from our readers.

But, frankly, we are getting a little tired of letters, disguised as "opinion" pieces, which are actually not much more than misinformation. To state your belief or disbelief regarding a particular issue is one thing; to cite "facts" that are anything but factual, in order to support your opinion, is something else entirely. Everyone - us included - makes occasional honest mistakes, despite every effort at diligence. But when a letter is literally riddled with half-truths and untruths, we have to make the difficult decision as to which is a larger disservice to our readers - refusing to print it, at the cost of appearing to "suppress" an opposing viewpoint; or printing it, and therefore violating our obligation to do our best to insure that information

which appears in our paper is reliable. In this case, because we want to be as fair as possible concerning the controversial issue of whether or not EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.) should be allowed to operate one or more deep-injection wells in our city, we have decided to print the following letter from Mr. R.P. Lilly - but not without attempting to rebut at least some of his misstatements (there isn't room to address all of them fully) in "A Few Comments from the Editor," which you'll find on page 6.

Of course, if the money that EDS has spent on advertisements in our paper really had influenced our opinion - as Mr. Lilly intimates in a front-page "article" which appeared in the September 9, 1996 issue of a newsletter from RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) - we wouldn't be concerned with fairness at all, and we certainly wouldn't be publishing this letter. You might want to keep that in mind when you consider the "accusations" which follow - and our response to them.

To the Editor:

I wish to respond to the "Editor's Opinion" which appeared in your September 20 (sic), 1996 issue.

You state that you are disappointed in the dismal turnout at the recent meetings arranged by Marge Byington of Great Lakes Corporate Resources. The last meeting held at the Clarion Hotel was attended by only four Romulus residents. In my opinion, it is very clear why practically no one in the City of Romulus has any faith or confidence in EDS or any of their "paid" experts. It is due to their consistent use of deception and "smoke and mirrors."

You fail to mention in your editorial that Marge Byington was paid by EDS to form this committee, and that the underlying agenda of this committee was to force the City of Romulus to capitulate and cave in to external pressure from the so-called "experts." It is very apparent that Marge's "healing" committee was a complete flop in its attempt to bring about an out-of-court settlement. You mention in your Editor's

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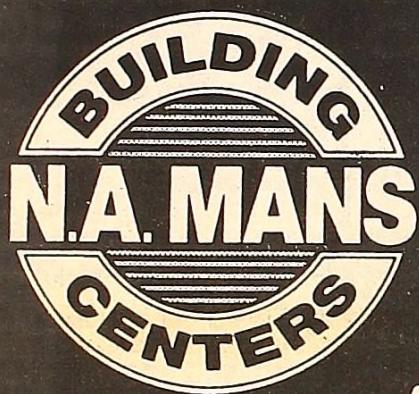
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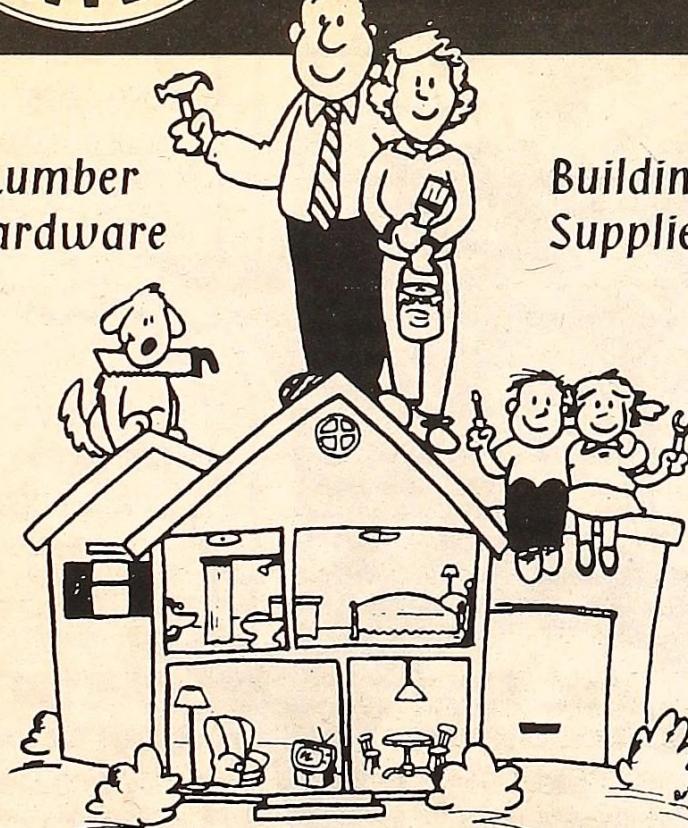
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## Guest Commentary

*Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here.*

*Responsible individuals or spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, at no charge, at any time. For more information, please contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at either 941-1907 or 941-3113.*

### Environmental Wrap-up for the 104th Congress

*By Congresswoman Lynn N. Rivers,  
U.S. Representative for Michigan's 13th  
District*

Clean water, fisheries, and national parks don't strike many people as controversial. Everyone, regardless of their affiliations, likes to drink water without having to boil it and to spend weekends in parks that are unspoiled. But during the 104th Congress, much of our nation's environment came under attack. Legislation was proposed to gut a range of laws protecting America's natural beauty and resources.

However, now that the 104th Congress has adjourned, it is clear that the environment fared far better this term than expected. In the face of public outcry overcuts in USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) funding, plans to allow logging in the Tongass National Park, and attempts to weaken the Endangered Species Act, among other things, Congress passed several pieces of legislation instead that preserve the environment. Members on both sides of the aisle who were concerned about conservation worked together to pass legislation that does everything from increasing funding for parks to making drinking water safe. Grass-roots efforts must be commended for playing a large role in this. They are as responsible as anyone for protecting this nation's grass and roots – not to mention its trees, parks, air, and water.

Of particular interest to our district are the following developments.

#### Safe Drinking Water

This year, Congress passed two pieces of legislation designed to improve the nation's drinking water. First, Congress voted for a USEPA spending bill (HR 3666) that President Clinton signed into law this September. This law restores \$725 million for local water system improvements that was lost when the Congress failed to reauthorize the Safe Drinking Water Act by August 1.

In addition, Congress passed revisions

to the Safe Drinking Water Act (Pub. Law 104-182), which protects the public's drinking water supply. These revisions include right-to-know language that requires local utility companies to notify customers annually of the levels of federally regulated contaminants and some unregulated ones in the local water supply.

Congress also took some defensive stands as well. Early in 1995, the House of Representatives passed a bill, HR 961, which would have substantially changed the Clean Water Act. The Senate, however, prevented this bill from moving forward. HR 961 would have made secondary treatment of dirty water optional for many coastal communities, removed more than half the nation's wetlands from protection, eliminated coastal pollution programs, set vague deadlines on the control of certain types of pollution, and granted numerous environmental waivers and exemptions for specific industries. Parks

For those going on vacation, there will be a number of national parks that have just been preserved. Congress passed an Omnibus Parks bill (HR 4236) that, among other things, provides protection for the Sterling Forest on the New York-New Jersey border; San Francisco's Presidio; and the Tallgrass Prairie in Kansas. High-profile, controversial items in the bill – such as a proposal to sell corporate sponsorships for the National Park System – were deleted from the bill. In addition, though it passed the House in April, a bill (HR 1675) to open all National Wildlife Refuges to hunting and fishing was never approved by the Senate.

#### Fisheries

A bill (S 39) was also passed to preserve oceans and fishing, which ensures better protection for the nation's offshore fisheries. The bill includes provisions to minimize incidental catch, protect fish habitats, and reduce "over fishing."

#### Pesticides

This past August, President Clinton signed a bipartisan pesticide bill into law (Pub. Law 104-170). This legislation provides new protections for children and infants, and toughens the protections for raw foods, which today are only lightly regulated with respect to pesticides.

#### Endangered Species

Attempts were made to rewrite – and, some say, weaken – the Endangered Species Act, but the legislation never made it to the House floor for debate.

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# Halloween

## Safety Tips for a

### GHoul's NIGHT OUT



Trick-or-Treat  
before dark.

Trick-or-Treat  
with friends.  
Never go alone.

Have a  
parent, or older  
brother or sister go  
Trick-or-Treating  
with you.

Plan your  
Trick-or-Treat  
route ahead of  
time. Pick streets  
that are well lit.

Cross only  
at corners.  
Never cross the  
street between  
parked cars or in  
the middle  
of the block.

Wait until  
you get home  
to sort, check,  
and eat  
your treats.

Use  
reflective tape  
on your costume  
so drivers  
can see you.

Wear a  
costume that  
makes it easy  
for you to walk,  
see, and  
be seen.

If you must  
go out at night,  
make certain that  
your costume is  
light in color.

Carry a  
flashlight so you  
can see and be  
seen easily.

A face mask  
may obstruct your  
vision. Why not  
use makeup  
instead of a mask?

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## Bennett Reviews Ballot's Statewide Proposals

*Editor's note: To help voters prepare for the upcoming general election, Senator Loren Bennett has compiled the following summary of the six Statewide proposals which will appear on the ballot. (Voters should note that Proposals D and G oppose each other; the one that receives the most "yes" votes will pass.) Readers are encouraged to make a note of their opinions as they read. Questions may be directed to the Senator's office: 517-373-7350.*

### Proposal A

*Prohibits bingo games from being used for political fund-raising.*

A YES vote would allow bingo games to be used for charities, while prohibiting political parties, candidates, organizations from using bingo money to engage in political and campaign operations. Proponents are concerned that political organizations compete for this local money with nonprofit organizations that provide valuable services to communities. A yes vote allows nonprofit charitable organizations (such as the American Legion and the American Heart Association) to continue to conduct bingo games as a method of raising money.

A NO vote would allow political parties, candidates, and organizations to use bingo games as a tool to finance partisan political activities. Political groups could compete with charitable organizations in raising money through bingo games.

### Proposal B

*Establishes requirements for all judicial candidates.*

A YES vote would amend the Michigan Constitution to require a candidate for any judicial office to be a licensed attorney for a minimum of five years prior to their election. As a result, all judges in Michigan would have a minimum of five years' legal experience.

A NO vote would place no new restrictions on candidates for judicial office. A no vote would keep the present constitutional requirement that a candidate for election or appointment to a judgeship be a registered voter under the age of 70 and licensed to practice law in Michigan.

### Proposal C

*Protects the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund.*

A YES vote would protect the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund so that funds could only be used to benefit veterans, thereby maintaining its original purpose. The State Treasurer would be the authorized director of the fund. Any transfer or expenditure of a fund asset,

interest, or earnings could be made only by the Treasurer or upon the authorization of a majority of the fund's Board of Trustees.

A NO vote could allow money from this fund to be used for purposes other than those for which it was intended. A no vote would offer no protection from legislative appropriation of monies contained in the fund.

### Proposal D

*Bans the use of dogs and baiting for bear hunting.*

A YES vote would prohibit hunters from using dogs and bait for hunting bears in Michigan. This practice could lead to a dramatic increase in nuisance bear encounters, which are already on the rise. These bears would then be harvested by government officials, at taxpayer expense, through any method, including the use of dogs and bait.

A NO vote would maintain Michigan hunting laws as a means to manage the bear population, and allow the State to collect direct and indirect revenues generated by legal bear hunters.

### Proposal E

*Provides for casino gambling in the City of Detroit.*

A YES vote would allow for up to three gambling casinos in any city with a population of at least 800,000, located within 100 miles of another state or country where gaming is legal and where local voters have approved casino gambling by a majority vote. (The City of Detroit is the only city eligible under these criteria.) It would also establish a Gaming Control Board to regulate the casinos, impose an 18% gross gaming tax, and allocate 55% of the tax revenue to the qualifying city and 45% to the State of Michigan for public education.

A NO vote would continue the prohibition of casino gambling throughout Michigan, except on Native American Reservations.

### Proposal G

*Provides for Department of Natural Resources (DNR) oversight of all hunting regulations.*

A YES vote designates the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) as the final authority for all wildlife management (including bears) and hunting decisions. It would require the NRC to utilize "principles of sound scientific management" in making decisions regarding the taking of game, and to minimize human/bear encounters.

A NO vote maintains the current law, allowing the legislature, DNR, and NRC to oversee all hunting and wildlife decisions. □

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Opinion dated September 20 (sic), 1996, that this task force met with local residents to hammer out a legally enforceable agreement with EDS instead of leaving matters in the hands of the courts. This is the furthest thing from the truth. Mr. Ken Burda of the MDEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) states, in a response to your article, that no one from Marge Byington's office or EDS ever suggested that this was the purpose of the committee. I have included his letter, which I sincerely hope you will print. Mr. Burda also states that he did not feel that it was appropriate for Mr. Jim Sygo of the MDEQ and himself to serve on this committee, due to the perceived potential conflict of interest with respect to their permitting role. They certainly were not qualified to be called "independent experts." How can anyone involved in the permitting process be called independent? What an absolute farce. When asked about risk, one of the so-called experts on Marge Byington's committee made the utterly ridiculous statement that you stand a greater risk of dying from eating peanut butter than you do of dying from living near a hazardous waste injection well. How's that for an "expert" opinion?

I would hope that you would eventually "wake up and smell the coffee," and understand that the vast majority of citizens in Romulus do not want these hazardous waste injection wells in this community under any circumstances; as matter of fact, there are over six thousand signatures stating that they *do not want this project in this great State of Michigan.*

Why wouldn't you advise this company to give the same courtesy to Romulus that they gave to Marshall, Illinois, and just quietly leave town? On many occasions, you have told your readers that the Federal EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) permits supersede local laws and ordinances. I am enclosing a letter from the administrator of the EPA region V in Chicago which states, "The issuance of a permit does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights or any infringement of state or local law or regulations."

Let's stop the deception, the smoke and mirrors, and the arm twisting and intimidation. Let the process work!

R.P. Lilly

(Editor's note: The following letter was written to Mr. R.P. Lilly by Mr. Ken Burda of the MDEQ, and is reprinted here at Mr. Lilly's request.)

(To Mr. Lilly:)

I've read the newspaper editorial concerning the meetings arranged by the Great Lakes Corporate Resources (Marge Byington) concerning the "panel

of experts." I can only conclude that the Editor's Opinion is an interesting interpretation of what the intent of the meetings were. Jim Sygo and I certainly were not under the impression that the purpose of the "committee" or "task force" was to "hammer out a legally enforceable agreement with EDS" to avoid further court action. No one from either Marge Byington's Office or EDS ever suggested that to us. The editor of *The Romulus News* is entitled to her opinion, but we had originally thought that the purpose of the meetings was to discuss and reach consensus on what the various concerns of the public were and whether technical information regarding deep-well disposal or the permitting process could be provided to the public and whether there were additional information or design modifications regarding the project that could be agreed upon.

As you and I have discussed previously, I did not believe that it was appropriate for Jim and I to serve on this "committee" due to the perceived potential conflict of interest with respect to our permitting role. We certainly did not qualify as "independent experts" due to our regulatory/permitting role in this process. We raised these concerns and were subsequently removed from the "committee."

I can only conclude that the editor can make whatever interpretation she wants to, but the bottom line is that nothing concerning the court case was either discussed or resolved at the meetings.

Ken Burda

### A Few Comments from the Editor

First, we'd like to clarify our assertion that the people who served on the Great Lakes Corporate Resources panel were "independent." Since Mr. Burda doesn't live around here, he probably isn't aware that some RECAP spokespersons have consistently maintained that just about anyone who favors settlement must have financial or other ulterior motives for doing so. And that, of course, is what we were referring to – the fact that none of the people who served on the panel received any remuneration for their service. They had no financial interest in taking EDS' "side" in this disagreement – which would have been obvious to anyone who actually attended the meetings and heard their skeptical treatment of some of the information provided by EDS.

Second, we'd like to address the following statement: "You mention in your Editor's Opinion dated September 20, 1996 that this task force met with local residents to hammer out a legally enforceable agreement with EDS instead of leaving matters in the hands of the courts."

What we *actually* said, in our September 18, 1996 editorial (there was no September 20, 1996 edition of *The Romulus News*), was, "These 'task force' members met with local residents to discover their concerns, research hard-nosed answers to citizens' questions, and make recommendations concerning areas not fully addressed by the current permitting process so that (italics added) citizens can hammer out a *legally enforceable agreement* with EDS to provide for added safety measures, instead of leaving matters in the hands of the courts, and therefore having no control over any aspect of the project in the highly likely event that it does begin operation."

Strange, isn't it, that the first part of the quote, which Mr. Lilly neglected to include, sounds awfully similar to Mr. Burda's explanation concerning the purpose of the meetings? In fact, Mr. Burda's statement actually confirms that *exploring the possibility* of coming to an agreement was at least *part* of the agenda. Certainly, the ramifications of *not* opening a dialogue between the City and EDS – with the ultimate goal of reaching an agreement – were discussed by the final committee members. For instance, at one point during the August 14, 1996 meeting, the moderator, Dr. William Cooper (a professor at Michigan State University), stated, "If everybody sits back and keeps their mouth shut, the decision will be made, and you won't be part of it. And from my experience, the last thing you want to do is have a judge make that decision, because you have no idea what a judge is gonna do. I can tell you horror stories about that . . . If you sit and wait until the lawyers debate and the judge decides, it's too late then."

Really, Mr. Lilly, you can't have it both ways. How can you maintain that the committee had an "underlying agenda" to "force the City of Romulus to capitulate," and that it was a "complete flop in its attempt to bring about an out-of-court settlement," and then turn around and claim that the possibility of reaching a legally enforceable agreement was *not* part of the purpose of the meeting? Talk about "smoke and mirrors"! As usual, the truth lies in the moderate area between two extremes.

Third, concerning the statement about the relative hazards of eating peanut butter and living next to a deep well: This statement was not made by a member of the Great Lakes Corporate Resources panel; rather, it was made by Dr. Rick Harding, an EDS consultant, at a totally unrelated public meeting that EDS hosted as part of the process of applying for a permit to construct and operate a hazardous-waste storage, treatment, and deep-well disposal facility on Citrin Drive.

As yet another example of Mr. Lilly's "careful research," this misstatement serves as a reminder that people shouldn't blindly trust *anything* they read – including the stuff that we write – without looking into things for themselves. If someone states, for instance, that *The Romulus News* made "absolutely no mention of" Judge Morcom's May 15, 1996 ruling affirming the decision of the Romulus Zoning Board of Appeals – as Mr. Lilly did in his "article" in the RECAP newsletter – check it out for yourself. If you do, you'll find that, once again, Mr. Lilly didn't do his homework. A front-page article on the subject appeared in our May 24, 1996 issue. (Anyone who would like a copy of the article in question can receive one by calling either 941-1907 or 941-3113 and leaving his/her name and address.)

In closing, Mr. Lilly, we at "the little paper" would have had no objection to the City of Romulus telling EDS that it could not drill its deep-well because the property chosen by the company was not properly zoned – if only the City had done so *before* the company spent over a million dollars on the project.

But what all of the endless rhetoric boils down to is this: *No one* in the City of Romulus ever suggested that there was *any* ordinance which would prohibit EDS from operating its well until *after* it was dug. Withdrawing a "welcoming resolution" is *not* the same as telling a company that it would be illegal for it to operate in your city, and that you will pursue litigation against it if it tries. And certainly, if you *had* told a company these things, you would not then give it permits for construction-related work, advise it to buy additional property for its project, and repeatedly tour the construction site as work progressed.

In short, the process *did* work, and the fact that some people are now trying to pretend that it didn't is only costing Romulus taxpayers money that many of us can't afford – money that could be much better spent on some of the City's *real* problems. □

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

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**Takings**

In the spring of 1995, the House passed a "takings" bill, HR 925, that would have instigated a controversial practice of paying corporations not to pollute. Although the Senate never approved it, HR 925 essentially would have had taxpayers pay corporations not to pollute or use their property in ways that harm others or break the law. This would have benefited large businesses and landowners but weakened safeguards for average homeowners who depend on federal environmental protections to ensure strong communities and stable property values.

The Senate also had bills that would have required federal taxpayers to compensate property owners for compliance with Clean Water, Endangered Species, and other protections. Efforts to pass such legislation failed as a result of opposition from a broad coalition including environmental and historic preservation groups and state and local governments.

**And finally ...**

Perhaps most tellingly, unlike last year's Omnibus Spending, which was riddled with anti-environmental riders, this year's bill, which funds the government through September 30, 1997, did not contain any. High-profile, controversial items were deleted from the parks bill as well.

### Cislo Opposes Pitoniak-supported Gas Tax Hike

*By Susan Cislo, independent candidate for State Representative in the 22nd District*

Do Democrats and Republicans in Michigan's house and senate plan to pass an increase in the State's gasoline and diesel-fuel tax immediately after the November election?

There is one bill in committee in the House and two in the Senate that could, and probably will, be called up for a vote after the election.

The House bill — which was sponsored by 21 Republicans and two Demo-

crats, including Gregory Pitoniak, incumbent Representative for the 22nd District — would hike the tax on gasoline from 15 cents to 22 cents and cut the diesel discount in half from six cents to three cents.

Yet there is plenty of money in the general fund to supplement the current gas-tax revenue for the much-needed road repairs in this state. All that the members of the Legislature have to do is get their priorities straight. I strongly oppose any increase in the taxes that motorists and businesses have to pay for motor fuels.

I believe that these proposed tax increases can be compared to the lottery scam that was foisted on the people. The legislators would increase the fuel taxes so that they can keep more of the general-fund dollars for their pet projects and for subsidizing businesses of the Governor's friends.

I also believe that a fuel-tax increase would not only affect local motorists and tourists, but would also raise the price of all products that depend on trucks for distribution — which is virtually every product found in the stores.

These proposed tax hikes are just another example of why we need to elect independent legislators who are free from the influence of special interests and party-line politics.



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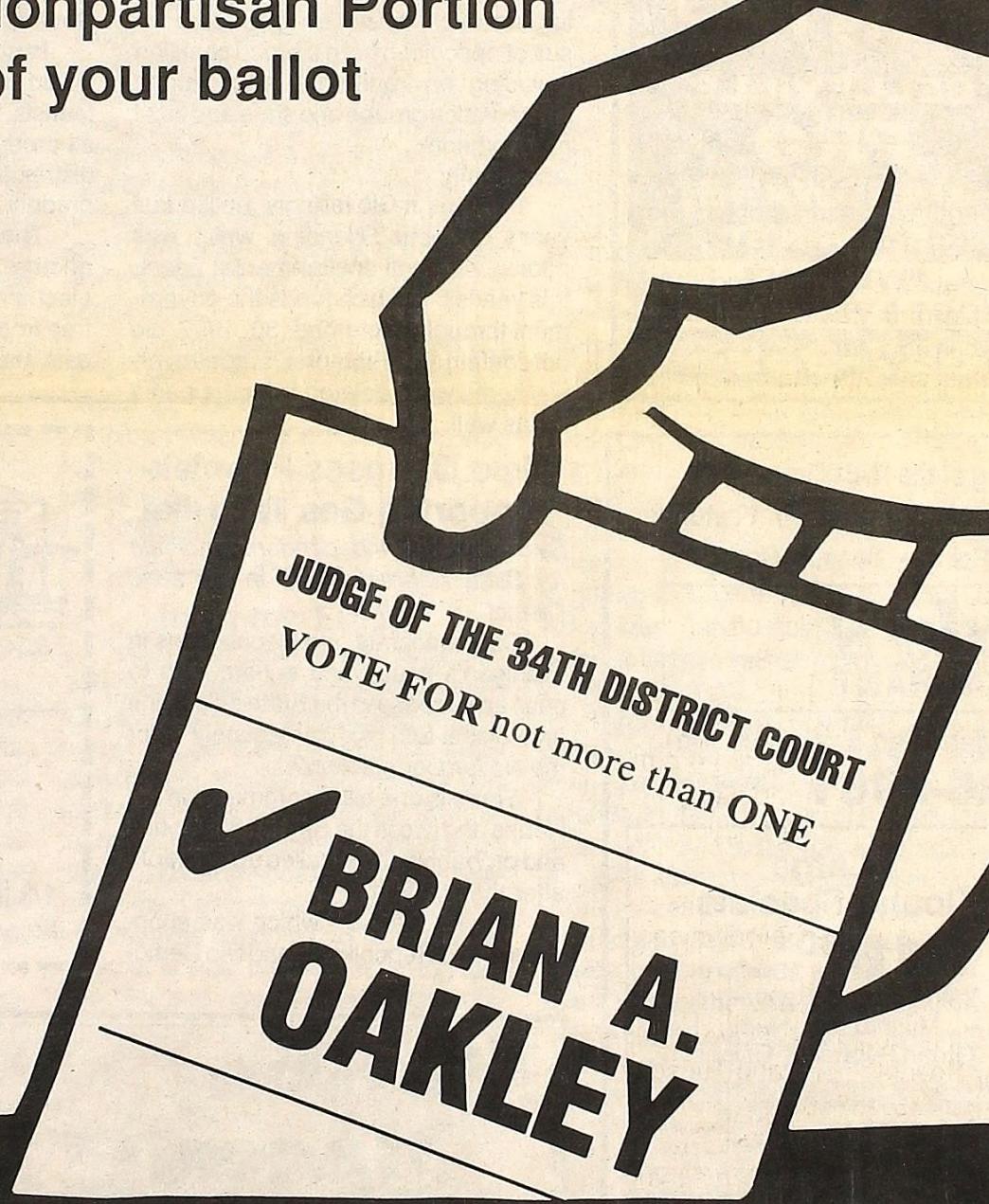
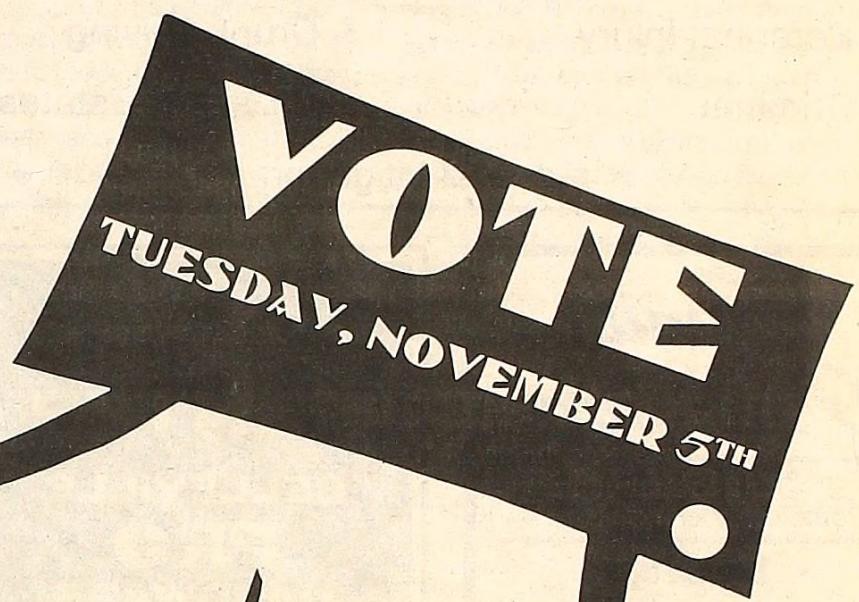
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## Community Calendar

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- **Clothing Drive for Homeless Veterans** – The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Romulus VFW Post #9568 is sponsoring a Clothing Drive for Homeless Veterans during the month of November. New or clean used men's clothing (winter hats, winter scarves, mittens or gloves, socks, and winter sweaters) may be dropped off in the front lobby of either the Romulus Police Department (located at 11165 Olive Street) or VFW Post #9568 (located at 39270 Huron River Drive).
- **Flu Shots** – Annapolis Hospital will be at the Romulus Senior Center (located at 36515 Bibbins) from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4, to administer flu shots (must be age 18 or over) at the bargain price of \$5 each. No registration is necessary. For more information, call the Center at 942-6852.
- **HCCN Craft Auction** – The Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery is holding its annual Craft Auction fund-raiser at Miller Elementary School (located at 18955 Hannan Road in New Boston) on Thursday, November 7, at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Nursery at 782-4117.
- **Super Suppers at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) is hosting the following all-you-can-eat suppers: "Sauerkraut" (Thursday, November 7, from 5 p.m. until sold out; menu to include pork, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and homemade desserts) and "Fish" (Friday, November 8, from 5 to 7 p.m.; menu to include baked and fried fish, choice of potatoes, cole slaw, macaroni salad, jello, and dessert). For more information, please contact the Church at 753-9048.
- **Celebration: Broadway's Best** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston) will kick off the new season with a production of *Celebration: Broadway's Best* – a big, brassy, bodacious musical revue conceived and written by Doug Richter and Chris Devins (both of Huron Township) – on November 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17. Friday and Saturday curtains are 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more information, call 782-5380.
- **Auditions for Winter Productions** – The Huron Civic Theatre will host simultaneous auditions for its January 1997 production of *Vanities* (three challenging female roles available) and February 1997 production of *Noises Off* (parts available for four women and five men) at the Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston) from 7 to 10 p.m. on Monday, November 11, and Tuesday, November 12. For more information, call 782-5380.
- **All-you-can-eat Pancake Supper/Craft Sale** – Ball Road Tabernacle (located at 7009 Ball Road in Romulus) will host an all-you-can-eat pancake supper on Saturday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 for adults; \$2 for children. Baked goods, crafts, and garage-sale items will also be available for sale. For more information, contact the Church (722-9638) or Carol (941-7125).

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## FULL BALLOT

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- Forest E. Youngblood (Democratic)
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(vote for not more than one)
  - Bruce Patterson (Republican)
- **Justices of the Supreme Court**  
(vote for not more than two)
  - Hilda Gage
  - Jerry J. Kaufman
  - Marilyn Kelly
  - William B. Murphy
  - David H. Raaflaub
  - James H. Brickley
  - Jessica R. Cooper
- **Judges of the Court of Appeals, 1st District**  
(vote for not more than three)
  - Maureen P. Reilly
  - Robert P. Young, Jr.
  - Harold Hood
  - John Kelly
  - Kathleen Macdonald
- **Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit**  
(vote for not more than twelve)
  - John H. Gillis, Jr.
  - William J. Giovan
  - Pamela Rae Harwood
  - Richard P. Hathaway
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  - Arthur J. Lombard
- **Judges of the Probate Court**  
(vote for not more than three)
  - David J. Szymanski
  - Martin Thomas Maher
  - Robert L. McClinton
  - Frances Pitts
- **Judges of the District Court, 34th District**  
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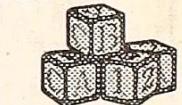
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Greg also cares about the safety and welfare of senior citizens in our community. That's why he has pledged to fight any changes to Medicaid funding once the state takes over this health care program. He also opposes any scheme to make families surrender their lives savings to the state to help pay for the nursing home care of elderly relatives.

## Cutting taxes and creating jobs...

Greg Pitoniak gets things done for us. He has voted to cut taxes 20 times in the last five years. He develops and supports proposals designed to create and retain Michigan jobs for Michigan workers. He has supported increased funding for training programs so Michigan can have a world class workforce to attract world class manufacturing jobs.

## Safer neighborhoods...

As our state representative, raising his family in our community, Greg Pitoniak knows that safety in our neighborhoods is a top priority. He supports proposals to put 5,000 more police officers on Michigan streets through community policing. He wants Michigan to have a "three strikes" law to put career criminals away for life.

Greg Pitoniak works hard for us every day. As a member of our community and as our state representative, Greg Pitoniak has the experience to deliver results.

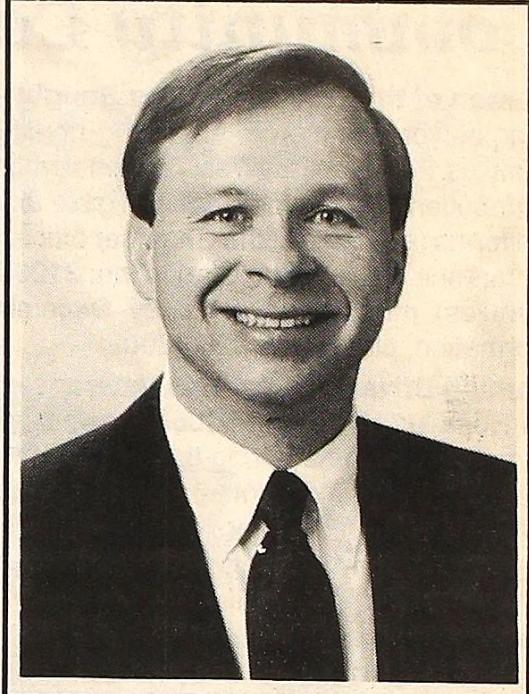
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## Reforming Welfare...

Greg supports Michigan's plan to reform welfare. The plan emphasizes work, mutual responsibility, and child protection. Transportation assistance, day care and medical coverage have been provided as support systems to help make sure the transition to a productive, taxpaying member of the workforce successful and permanent. Greg believes that Michigan should retain its commitment to helping disadvantaged residents, while stressing family responsibility, work and ending the cycle of dependency on welfare.

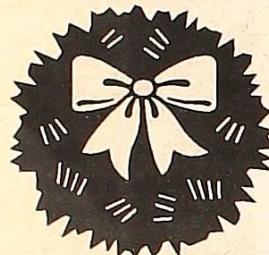
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## "One of the Best Things in Life Is Watching Your Child Grow"

*Editor's note: This is the seventh in a series of biographies on local senior citizens written by Romulus High School teacher Cathy Uhring's 1995-1996 freshman English students, and published in Open Up the Doors of the Past. Watch for more biographies in future issues of "the little paper."*

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By Jonathan Estes and James Hill

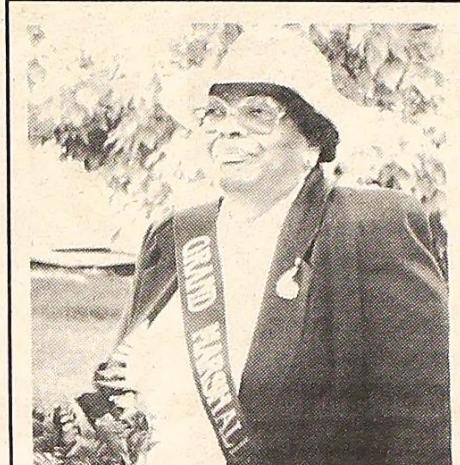
Imagine a musician with lots of girls around him. He comes up to you and asks if he could sit down and buy you a coke. What would you say?

Geneva Clark said "yes." Geneva Clark is an intelligent and witty mother of two. Geneva Clark was born January 25, 1923 in Switchback, West Virginia. With four sons and two daughters, her parents had their hands full. Geneva's mother, Beatrice, was loving and generous if you were good, but strict and critical if you were not. Her father, Wilmer, was strict but humorous. Geneva grew up early because she had to take a hand in raising her younger siblings. She recalls barbecues the family used to have. Every Friday the kids of the community would be invited to a barbecue in her back yard. There they would enjoy playing games and eating for quite some time.

As Geneva grew up, she graduated from Junior High School, Senior High School, and nursing school. She went to California for a while and then back to West Virginia. Upon returning back to West Virginia she opened a nursing school for children. Soon she began having trouble with transportation. She talked with a Greyhound bus driver and persuaded (she always had a way with words) him to transport the kids for free!

After the day care center, she became a nurse. One of her favorite things to do was dance, so she went to night clubs. One night she saw a man playing the saxophone. Even though he was surrounded by girls, he came to her and asked for a seat and if he could buy her a coke. She said "yes."

Six months later they were married. She and her husband, Edward, had two children named Brenda and Edward. She mentions them both fondly. She says Edward was always outgoing and hard working. While Brenda was hard working, but not as outgoing as Edward. She also says that one of the worst things is letting your children go. She says she is very proud of her children and loves them very much. Geneva gave them love, happiness, and the best years of her life. As time moved on, her husband passed away in 1977. She says he was much more than a husband, he was her best friend. Her children turned out well, and she wishes them only the best of luck. She says the



Serving as Grand Marshal for the Homecoming Parade has fulfilled Geneva Clark's long-time wish.

hardest thing about being married (for her) was sharing some of the authority. She was an oldest child while growing up, so she usually controlled everything. So when she was married, she had to get used to letting Edward make some of the decisions.

She says the secret of a good, long marriage is honesty and communication. She also says that if one is angry then talk about it. Do not go to bed angry or upset. If one person gets mad in a conversation, the one that is angry should leave and cool off.

Geneva says that one of the best things in life is watching your kids grow. She also says that seeing them do so well after all the work you put in them is very rewarding. She also says the one thing she always wanted was a parade. She had a little parade before with some children, but she wants a big one. Geneva is a caring, beautiful, active, and humorous person. She is very happy that God let her live this long.

She is very fond of Romulus. She says "she loves it and will always live here."

Geneva is also very active in the community. She won several awards for interacting with the community and its people. Women's Auxiliary also selected her as "Woman of the Year" for the year 1973-74.

When I first met her, I was very nervous. I did not know how she would react to seeing us. With all the things she probably heard about today's young black males, I was surprised that she was not scared. Luckily she was very patient and understanding with us.

On behalf of James and I, I want to say that it was a pleasure working with you. If you are reading this, I want to say "thank you." You gave us time out of your day and patience, so that we may do a report on you. I only hope you got as much from this as we did. Thank you once again, Mrs. Clark. It was a pleasure meeting you. □

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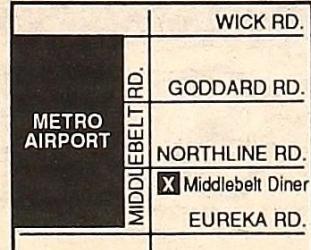
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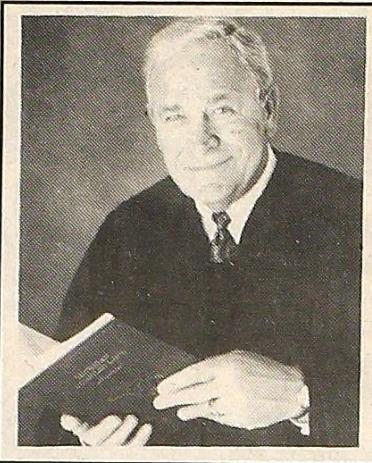
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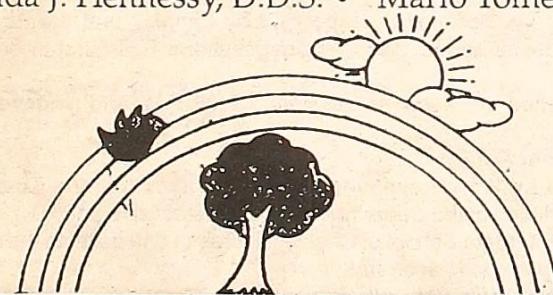
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**Sassy Seniors**

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

**Happy Birthday!**

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in November: Lillie Chamberlain, Maxine Goachee, Suzanne Hale, Edith Millward, Lula Newsome, Irene Nowakowski, Norma Thompson, and Helen Zwalesky.

**Flu Shots**

Annapolis Hospital will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4, to administer flu shots (must be age 18 or over) at the bargain price of \$5 each. No registration is necessary.

**Senior Crime Watch**

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhoods are invited to attend the Center's second "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 18. Representatives of our wonderful police department will be on hand to offer their assistance and share their expertise.

Isn't your protection and peace of mind worth an hour of your time?

**Card "Clinics"**

There's nothing more pleasant than spending a leisurely afternoon playing cards and visiting with friends, but many people miss out on the fun because they don't know the rules of some of the more popular games. Well, if you'd like to learn to play euchre and/or pinochle, here's your chance. The Romulus Senior Center's talented card-players will conduct free "card clinics" at the Center on November 5, 12, and 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. So plan to come out, enjoy some light refreshments, and pick up a few pointers that you can put to good use at the Center's weekly euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.) and/or pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.) games!

**Potluck**

The Center's spectacular chefs will provide the turkey and dressing if you'll provide the trimmings at next month's potluck dinner, to be held at 3 p.m. on November 15. As always, seniors are invited to sign up at the Center if they'd like to bring a dish and bring a friend.

**Walking Club**

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the popular "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the fall and winter months. There is no charge to participate in this program.

**Shopping Trips**

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Southland Mall on Friday, November 8. Space is limited; payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

**Special Trips**

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Aloha, Hawaii!** – Have you always dreamed of vacationing in beautiful, romantic Hawaii? Well, here's your chance to plan ahead and make that dream come true! The \$1,749 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this 15-day/four-island trip can be paid in \$100-per-month installments, since the date of departure (March 31, 1998) is about 18 months away. And if you're afraid of making such a big commitment concerning something so far in the future, don't be; refunds will be available until 45 days prior to departure. Payment of the first \$100 installment is due soon.

- **Day Trips** – Other trips planned by the Center include one to Battle Creek to see the Festival of Lights (Saturday, November 23; \$30) and one to Frankenmuth to see a performance by the Ink Spots (Friday, December 6; \$46).

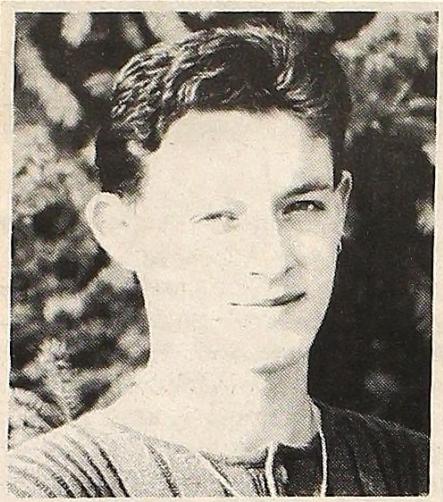
**Weekly Programs**

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

**Hot Lunch**

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Center at least 24 hours in advance for a reservation. □

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## RHS Homecoming 1996 a Victory, Despite Loss of Football Game

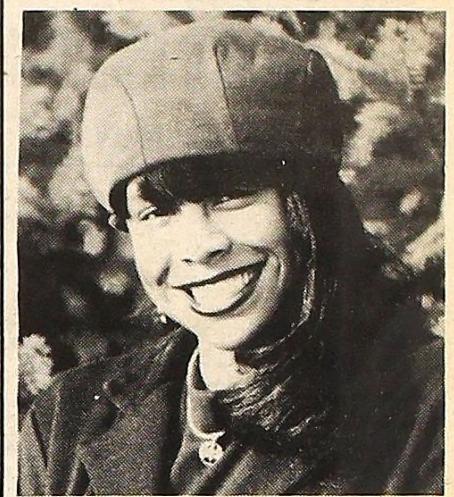
Although Romulus High School's Varsity Eagles football team suffered a 21-14 loss in its match against Lincoln Park, no shadow was cast on the success of Homecoming Week, 1996. An animated crowd composed of students and other members of the community were strongly supportive of their team's efforts.

Half-time was filled with expectation, as everyone waited to learn which class had won the Float and Spirit Jug

competitions. This year's enthusiastic sophomores (class of 1999) came away with first-place honors in both of the contests.

Of course, the event's "crowning moment" was the announcement that Joe Lambert (pictured at left) had been chosen as the 1996 Homecoming King, while Andracer DeYampert (right) was named Homecoming Queen.

Congratulations to all on a safe, successful Homecoming. □



# ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

# REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 23, 1996 was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Roll call showed Member Langley absent (excused). Dr. William M. Bedell was present. Member Langley entered the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

### STUDENT HEARING – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

9/96/15 Moved by Kesner supported by Woods that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of a student hearing. Roll call showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:50 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 7:03 P.M.

### 7:15 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING ON 1996-97 BUDGET:

Messrs. Carr, La Monica, and Dolan entered the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented the 1996-97 Budget and responded to questions from the public and Board of Education.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

### 7:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. Bedell requested that the Agenda be amended to include the following items: XI. M. "District Tuition Policy"; XI. N. "Agreement Between Baron's Schools, Inc., and the Romulus Community Schools"; and XI. O. "Addendum – Personnel Recommendations".

9/96/16 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

9/96/17 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to approve the Minutes of September 9 and 10, 1996 meetings as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, presented the following personnel actions for Board approval: Joan Williamson, abandonment of employment rights with the Romulus Community Schools.

9/96/18 Moved by Langley supported by Lenossi that Joan Williamson's refusal to accept a teaching assignment for the 1996-97 school year, or otherwise report to work, be considered an abandonment of her employment rights with Romulus Community Schools. Further, that her name be removed from the teacher seniority list and her rights of re-employment be permanently terminated. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

9/96/19 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Audit Report for 1995/96

Mrs. Lois Smythe and Mr. Ron Traskis, Auditors, were present and discussed the 1995-96 Audit Report with members of the Board of Education and responded to their questions.

9/96/20 Moved by Langley supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the Audit Report for 1995-96 as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Approval of 1996-97 Budget

9/96/21 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board of Education adopt the 1996-97 budget with revenue of \$32,913,200 and expenditures of \$31,746,050. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Adoption of 1996-97 Debt Fund Budget

9/96/22 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board approve the 1996-97 Debt Fund Budget as per the attached document as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Winter Millage Levy – 1996

9/96/23 Moved by Lenossi supported by Langley that the Board of Education adopt the following levy for the 1996 Winter tax collection:

2.30 mills Debt – all property  
3.00 mills Local Enhancement – all property  
3.00 mills State Tax – all property  
2.82 mills Hold Harmless – Homestead

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Proficiency Test Results

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the results with the Board of Education and responded to their questions.

#### Governor's Summit Report

A group of people attended the Governor's Education Summit on September 17, 1996. Mrs. Gondek and Mrs. Oleszkowicz updated the Board on the conference.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience voiced their concerns and/or questions to the Board of Education as they relate to the following: survey results; new teacher postings; budget balance; teacher/pupil ratio; and split classes.

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Finance Committee Minutes, and 2) Kelsey-Hayes "Idea Fair".

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz requested that the schools fax their calendar of events at the beginning of each month so that Board members can attend activities in their buildings if they choose.

Mr. Michael Woods discussed coaching assignments, the use of vulgar language during athletic events, and the need for community involvement.

#### Executive Session

9/96/24 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:08 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:01 P.M.

#### District Tuition Student Policy

9/96/25 Moved by Woods supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and establish a policy which allows tuition students to attend the Alternate School of Choice for a fee of one dollar to the student (\$1.00). Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Langley). Motion carried.

#### Agreement Between Baron's Schools, Inc., and the Romulus Community Schools

9/96/26 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached Agreement between the Romulus Community Schools and Baron's Schools, Inc., to provide educational services as outlined. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Langley). Motion carried.

#### Addendum – Personnel Actions

9/96/27 Moved by Lenossi supported by Woods that the Board hire the teachers listed on the attached sheets as Alternative Schools of Choice (Baron's Schools, Inc.) employees. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Langley). Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

9/96/28 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## Living Truth at CUMC



The Community United Methodist Church and its pastor, Brad Lewis, invite the public to attend a performance to be given by Living Truth at the Church (corner of Olive and Bibbins streets in downtown Romulus) on Saturday, November 9, at 6 p.m.

Living Truth is an unusual Christian music group composed of Russ and DeeDee Tibbits and Elroy and Tammie Kosters, all of whom are from Caro, Michigan. Altogether, the family members (the two women are sisters) play 18 different instruments, both antique and contemporary, in-

cluding hammered and Appalachian dulcimers, recorders, harmonica, zither, soprano saxophone, wooden flute, bass guitar, acoustic guitars, ukelin, maraphone, psaltry, steel drum, melodica, mandolin, and keyboards. They travel throughout Michigan and occasionally out-of-state, presenting their diversified musical program in combination with their testimonies of a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.

For more information, please contact Pastor Lewis at the Church (941-0736). □

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 30, 1996 was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Roll call showed Member Sandra F. Langley absent (excused). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

9/96/29 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### *Purpose of Meeting/Ken Berlinn*

Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn, President, outlined the format that would be applied during this meeting.

##### *Sherrie Sparks - Empowerment*

Sherrie Sparks reviewed the basic concepts of organizational restructuring related to the Romulus Initiative. Her analysis was on long-term planning as opposed to crisis problem solving. She precluded her discussion on a specific management strategy called Structural Analysis. Her belief is that all district direction and strategies should be focused and aligned to a firm foundation. The Board requested a continuation of this discussion and requested receipt of the purchase of the book. The Board was to reconvene in two (2) weeks to further discuss the direction of the Board.

##### *ADJOURNMENT:*

9/96/30 Moved by Woods supported by Oleszkowicz that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## Obituaries

### Douglas S. Baum

Douglas S. Baum of Atlanta, Michigan (formerly of Romulus, MI), died on Friday, October 18, 1996, at the age of 59.

The son of Howard and C. Lucille (Sutton) Baum was born on February 25, 1937, in Charlotte, Michigan, and was a graduate of Charlotte High School and the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science. He served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam era.

In 1967, Doug opened the Baum Funeral Home in Romulus, and, for the next 16 years, was an active member of various civic and community groups, including the Romulus Building Authority (of which he was a past chairman), Romulus Chamber of Commerce (past president), Romulus Rotary Club (past president), and Romulus Little League Baseball and Football organizations. Doug also received the Business Person of the Year Award in 1981. Later, when he moved to Atlanta, Doug continued his "service tradition" as a member of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-Township Ambulance Board (president), and as a post bereavement coordinator for Outreach Hospice.

Surviving Doug are his wife Janice; his mother, Lucille Colizzi (Charlotte, MI); three sons, John (and wife Shona), Michael (and wife Christina), and Douglas (and wife Sandra) Baum; two step-daughters, Vickie (and husband Duane) Winter and Sherri (and husband Thomas) Harman; one adopted son, Michael (and wife Jody) Stockdale; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, John Colizzi, and one son, Daniel Baum.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 22, at Nie Funeral Home (Ann Arbor, MI), with Pastor Jeff Wordon officiating. Burial was at Briley Cemetery (Atlanta, MI).

Memorial contributions may be made in Doug's honor to the Daniel Baum Scholarship Fund (c/o Atlanta High School, Atlanta, MI 49709) and/or Outreach Hospice (Atlanta, MI 48709).

### Mary Grace Ghrist

Mary Grace (Morgan) Ghrist of Belleville, Michigan, died on Friday, October 18, 1996. She was 76 years old.

The wife of the late John Banks Ghrist was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, on March 30, 1920.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Keith "Skip" (Janet) Kieltyka, Mrs. Joyce Nagy, and Mrs. Donald (Joan) Mullins; one sister, Mrs. Betty Sturn; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Monday, October 21, at Regular Baptist Church (Canton Twp., MI), with Pastor Gene Johnson officiating. Interment was at Jefferson Memorial Park (Pittsburgh, PA).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

### Stanley A. Kochanoski

Stanley A. Kochanoski of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, October 16, 1996, at the age of 86.

The husband of the late Anna M. (Mock) Kochanoski was born in Plains, Pennsylvania, on February 15, 1910.

Surviving Stanley are three sons, Joseph, Robert J., and Richard J. Kochanoski; one daughter, Ms. Pat K. Edgecomb; one brother, Julian John Koch; three sisters, Mrs. Emily Markowski, Mrs. Irene Osmanski, and Mrs. Betty Sare; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by three sisters, Catherine, Agnes, and Stella; and three brothers, Joe, John, and Anthony.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 19, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wytrwal officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

### Johnnie Mae Moody-Tate

Johnnie Mae Moody-Tate of Inkster, Michigan, died on Tuesday, October 8, 1996. She was 56 years old.

The Metro Airport Maintenance retiree was born in Savannah, Georgia, on July 13, 1940.

She is survived by her mother, Katherine Moody; one son, Carl Tate Jr.; three daughters, Mrs. Wendell (Dynita) Phillips, Mrs. Ronald (Carolyn) Anderson, and Ms. Starlashay Tate; Starlashay's fiancé, Kevin Corley; 10 brothers, Dennis Lee Moody, Johnny C. Webster, William Webster, Lester Edward Moody, Sydney E. Johnson, A.R. Lester Winn, Edward Charles Moody, William Earl Moody, Lester Moody Jr., and Clifford Moody; 10 sisters, Clara Jean Hardy, Delores Webster, Louis Webster, Lucille Baxton, Mildred A. Williams, Vivian Harrington, Betty Jean Wilson, Renelda Diann McLaughlin, Sarah Moody, and Katherine Moody; and 16 grandchildren. She was predeceased by one daughter, Valerie Y. Noel Tate.

Services were held on Saturday, October 12, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Brother Robert L. Burke officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park (Canton, MI). □

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